

Mass Communication Specialist First Class (SW/AW) Justin L. Ailes

Mass Communication Specialist First Class (SW/AW) Justin L. Ailes was born in Missouri and raised in Indiana. He graduated from Caston Jr./Sr. High School in June 2000 and International Business College in 2002. He entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois in June 2003.

Ailes' first duty assignment was USS Mitscher (DDG 57) in Norfolk, Virginia.

In October 2004, he was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class and assigned to USS Saipan (LHA 2) in Norfolk, Virginia. In October 2006, Ailes was advanced to Petty Officer Second Class prior to decommissioning USS Saipan. In August 2007, he was assigned to Naval Network Warfare Command in Little Creek, Virginia. He was then selected for Combat Correspondent "C" school in Ft. Meade, Maryland and attended DINFOS in August 2009. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Defense Media Activity, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in January 2010. Ailes then completed another 18-month tour in Guantanamo Bay as Leading Petty Officer of the base Public Affairs department.

In January 2013, he was assigned to the DINFOS Video Production and Documentation course, prior to reporting to Navy Public Affairs Support Element East in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ailes' academic achievements include an Associate's Degree in Graphic Design.

Ailes' personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal , Good Conduct Medal (three awards), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (three awards), and Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

Ailes currently serves as Leading Petty Officer at Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Norfolk, Virginia.